

<p style="text-align:center">TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2019</p>

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Saxton called the September 13, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Saxton announced that the audio recording of this meeting will be posted on the Town website for one month until the next Town Council audio is posted. Mayor Saxton stated that he will recognize the public when it is their turn to speak and public comments must be made using the microphone at the podium. Mayor Saxton also reminded Council to refrain from sidebar conversations. At the end of the meeting Mayor Saxton stated that going forward the audio recording of the Town Council Regular Meetings would be posted on the website. The audio recording of Town Council Workshop Meetings will not be posted on the Town website due to the meeting room setup of workshops where Councilmembers do not use the microphones.

ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers Don Boteler, Sue Callaway, Carol Stevenson, Frank Weisgerber, and Mayor Tim Saxton; Town Manager Maureen Hartman; Chief Jason Lovins; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith.

Excused Absences: Councilmembers Derek Abbott and Dick Oliver

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – AUGUST 9, 2019, TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to accept the August 9, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICER TERIK FULLERTON

Chief Lovins introduced Officer Terik Fullerton who graduated from the Delaware State Police Academy with high honors on August 15, 2019. Chief Lovins stated that Officer Fullerton is currently going through the Field Training Officer Program.

Everyone welcomed Officer Fullerton with applause.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO APPROVE LEXIPOL CONTRACT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Saxton stated that one of the findings from the consultant reports was that the Town's departmental standard operating procedures need to be revised and updated.

Chief Lovins gave background information on Lexipol and the service they provide. The Lexipol subscription fee includes daily training bulletins, policy updates, and a web-based delivery platform.

The subscription fee for the Town of South Bethany for the first year is \$3,885.00. The Town Manager noted that grant money would be used to pay the fee. Mayor Saxton stated that the contract has been reviewed and negotiated by the Town Solicitor to meet the needs of the Town of South Bethany.

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Callaway, to approve the Lexipol contract. Motion unanimously carried.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

1. Mayor Saxton – The Mayor submitted his report for review. The Mayor thanked the Town Manager and the Chief of Police for the work they and their staff did to make the 2019 season a great summer, particularly the way traffic was slowed down on Route 1.
2. Town Manager – The Town Manager submitted her report for review. The Town Manager noted that the Ready or Not: Emergency Preparedness Workshop was extremely successful, and another workshop will probably be scheduled in the future. Mayor Saxton and Chief Lovins commented on how the speed of traffic on Route 1 has decreased due to the efforts of the South Bethany Police Department. Chief Lovins noted that the police are not seeing the high-end speeds (60 mph) going through South Bethany on Route 1. There was a brief discussion about the Mediacom agreement that expires in 2020. Councilmember Boteler expressed his concerns about safety issues regarding pedestrian crossings on Route 1. Mayor Saxton said that South Bethany and Bethany Beach are working together to pressure DelDOT to improve safety issues on Route 1. Mayor Saxton added that a community in North Bethany has asked if they could also participate. Public Comment from Liz Renninger – 207 W. 10th St.: Asked questions and made comments regarding the Mediacom Franchise Agreement.
3. Treasurer's Report – Councilmember Boteler submitted his report for review with no additions.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Budget and Finance – The committee has not met since the last report.
2. Canal Water Quality – Councilmember Frank Weisgerber stated that the Canal Water Quality Committee met and discussed what the committee would like to do between now and the spring and the committee began preparing for the budget process. The committee looked at floating wetlands, oyster gardens, rain gardens, and dealing with Envirotech to help maintain the canals and possible dredging. Regarding the floating wetlands, Envirotech will trim the floating wetlands and Envirotech or possibly Public Works will retrieve the floating wetlands that are not thriving. Councilmember Weisgerber said the floating wetlands have done more than what was expected, and at the canal ends where the nitrates and phosphorous are the worst they are thriving. All future floating wetlands will be placed at the canal ends.
3. Charter and Code – Chair John Fields submitted his report with no additions.
4. Communications and Public Relations – Councilmember Carol Stevenson submitted her report for review with no additions. Councilmember Stevenson noted that the new Town of South Bethany video is still being edited, and she hopes to present it at the October Town Council Regular Meeting.
5. Community Enhancement – Councilmember Sue Callaway submitted her report for review with no additions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diann Nazarian, 20 Peterson Dr. – Asked why alcohol is prohibited at Town Hall functions. Mayor Saxton said that is a rule Town Council approved. It was also noted that the Town's insurance company brought the possibility of a liability to the attention of the Town. Ms. Nazarian suggested the Town take a survey to see how many people would want natural gas from Chesapeake Utilities. Ms. Nazarian announced the Coastal Towns Historic Village 3rd Annual Cottage Tour which will take place in South Bethany October 12, 2019. Proceeds will go to the Ocean View Historical Society to support their historical museum.

Tom Roche, 141 Henlopen Dr. – Requested that next year an email news update be sent out prior to the Operation SEAs the Day parade. Announced that VFW Post 7234 (Ocean View) will have The Wall That Heals exhibit, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., from October 3-6 and the exhibit will be open 24 hours a day. Mr. Roche suggested the Town make an announcement.

Carmine Pilla, 203 Anchorage Dr. – Inquired about the removal of bike racks and a sign that says it is unlawful to park bikes in Sandpiper Village. Mayor Saxton said an email news update went out in early July stating that the bike racks in Sandpiper Village were going to be removed at the end of the summer. Mayor Saxton stated that the signs were taken down and the signs that are there now will be removed from Town posts. Mayor Saxton stated that the Planning Commission is working on recommendations regarding the bike issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to adjourn the September 13, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

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